

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT - PRACTICAL SKILL TEACHING SHEET

ADMINISTRATION OF ORAL GLUCOSE

SCENE SIZE-UP

Assess: Need for body substance isolation, Scene safety, Trauma(MOI) or Medical(NOI) nature, and Number of Patients

ASSESSMENT

Perform initial assessment and focused or detailed assessment as indicated.
Obtain history of present illness: O-P-Q-R-S-T
Obtain S-A-M-P-L-E history
Obtain base line vital signs

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE - ORAL GLUCOSE ADMINISTRATION

Actions:

- Increases blood sugar

Side Effects:

- None when given properly
- May be aspirated by the patient without a gag reflex

Indications:

- Patients with altered mental status with a known history of diabetes controlled by medication.

Contraindications:

- Unresponsive
- Unable to swallow

Dosage:

- One tube

Administration:

Obtain order from medical direction either on-line or off-line (**Per local protocol**).

Assure signs and symptoms of altered mental status with a known history of diabetes.

Assure patient is conscious and can swallow and protect the airway.

Administer glucose:

- Between cheek and gum
- Place on tongue depressor between cheek and gum

Perform on-going assessment and record findings:

- If patient loses consciousness or seizes, remove tongue depressor from mouth.